Prodtfction of crude Cram oil wells

4612.' SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR , BIRLA
SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state

(a) the production of crude of oil pre-

(b) whether Government have asked ,fpr any foreign assistance *for* production of crude oil; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STAIE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) The production of Crude oil in 1994-95 was about 32,24 million MT.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not' arise.

LFC Agencies at Block /Tehsil levels in Madhya Praslesh

4613. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI ; wm the Ministei of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have formu. lated any scheme to allot LPG ageacies at Block/Tehs)!. level in Madhya Pradesh: and -

(b) if so, what are the details of the bchstae and tho places likely to be' covered during 1995-96?

THE MINISTER CF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM! AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) LPG distribu-torshigs are opened at places having popidafion of 20,000 and above as per 1991 census in a phased manner sub to product availability and economic via-Hlity of ,the location. Accordingly, in addition to 54 LP*G* distributorships in-tiuded in the current LPG marteting plan 1992-94, for which selection is underway, 88 LPG distributorships have been included in the new LPG marketing Plaa 1994-96 for Madhya Pradesh.

Keeping in view the expected increase in the availability of product and the demand from the. smaller towns, it haS been decided by the Government to in-cliide adjoining villages also for working oat. the viability of LPG distdbutorships for smaller towns.

Cost escalation of public sector projects of the Ministry of Pctroleuui and Natural Gas

4614. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATUTIAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) wheliter it is la fact that the cost of the public .sector projects of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has soared by Ra. 3500 crore over the projected, figures; if so, the reasons therefor and the original and , the revised costs of each such project: *and*

(b) by when, the Kandla-Bhatinda Project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT, SATISH SHARMA): (a) The details of the ariginal and the revised costs, approv-*ed* by the Government and the reasons for cost overrun in respect of .the projects costing more than Rs. .100 crores under implementation by the Public Sector Undertakings in the oil sector are given in the state' ment annexed. (See below)

(b) Kandla-Bhatinda Project Pipc'-H-ne is likely to be. . mechanically completed by November. 1995.